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1. FORMER FRG MINFIN ALEX MUELLER, WHO HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AN EXPERT ECONOMIC ADVISOR FOR THE GOE, IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO CAIRO IN THE SECOND WEEK OF MARCH. HE WILL PRESENT THE FOUR-MAN FRG TEAM THAT WILL ASSIST HIM IN PREPARING A REPORT FOR PRESIDENT SADAT AND WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE, ACCORDING TO CAIRO PAPERS, FOR THIS PURPOSE. THE REPORT, WHICH WILL CONTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE SOLUTION OF EGYPT'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, IS TO BE PRESENTED IN SEPTEMBER.

2. TEAM WILL BE BASED IN CAIRO, PRINCIPALLY, ALTHOUGH IT WILL
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ALSO TRAVEL TO OTHER LOCATIONS IN ORDER TO GATHER NECESSARY MATERIALS. MUELLER IS DUE IN WASHINGTON IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO CONSULT WITH THE IBRD AND IMF (AMONG OTHERS) WHOSE OWN STUDIES ARE EXPECTED TO FORM BASIS OF MUCH OF MUELLER TEAM'S EFFORTS.

3. IMF REP HANS GERHARDT, WHO WILL BE RESIDENT IN CAIRO NOW

THAT STANDS AGREEMENT SEEMS FAIRLY ASSURED (SEPTTEL), EXPECTS TO BE WORKING CLOSELY WITH MUELLER AND HIS TEAM, AND ALSO ANTICIPATES THAT IBRD CONSULTATIVE GROUP WILL HAVE OCCASION FOR CONSULTATIONS.

4. COMMENT: FRG ECONOMIC EMBOFFS VIEW MUELLER EXERCISE WITH FAINT DEGREE OF AMUSED SKEPTICISM BASED ON THEIR OWN KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE HERE. THEIR REACTION IS EVIDENTLY RESULT OF BELIEF THAT CURES FOR EGYPT'S ECONOMIC ILLS ARE WELL-KNOWN AND HAVE BEEN ENDLESSLY RECOMMENDED. BOTH THESE POINTS ARE MORE OR LESS VALID, BUT DIFFERENCE AS WE SEE IT IS THAT MUELLER IS WORKING WITH AND FOR PRESIDENT SADAT, AT HIS REQUEST, AND NOT THROUGH GOE BUREAUCRACY. PRESIDENT'S INTEREST IN AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE ECONOMY HAVE NOT BEEN PRONOUNCED IN THE PAST, PARTLY BECAUSE OF TENDENCY OF HIS MINISTERS TO SUPPRESS UNPLEASANT FACTS, BUT THE JANUARY RIOTS CLEARLY HEIGHTENED IN IHIS AWARENESS. IF MUELLER CAN FOCUS SADAT'S ATTENTION ON WHAT CAN AND SHOULD BE DONE, THEN THE EFFORT WILL BE WELL WORTH THE SUPPORT OF THE USG AND OTHERS INTERESTED IN CONTINUANCE OF SADAT REGIME.
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